Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 07 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 08 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 06 Oct 2021 at 11:48 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for detail over the next few days as a waving frontal system remains slow moving over the area. High for a change to clearer and colder conditions from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Thursday 07 Oct 2021: Cloudy with rain at times, this mostly in the southwest. Windy at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 07 Oct 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
70%	40%	40%	30%	30%	40%	50%	50%

Forecast for Thursday 07 Oct 2021

Weather: Rain extending east through the early hours, clearing the far east of the area around dawn. Then the morning will be mainly dry, but some drizzly rain may affect across southern parts of Skye and into southern Lochaber. Rain will become persistent and heavy through the afternoon across the south of the region, roughly south of An Teallach down into Skye and Lochaber. North of this it should be largely dry, perhaps with some hazy sunshine in the northeast for a time, before rain develops here in places later in the afternoon. Further rain into the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%

Visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 500 to 700 metres across the south of the region, but some breaks possible inland in the morning. Only small amounts of low cloud expected north and east of An Teallach away from the west coast, and around the northern end of the Great Glen, before cloud becomes more extensive in the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	46/54 S	49/59 S	47/57 S	43/53 S	41/51 S	39/48 SW	37/47 SW	33/42 SW	26/33 SW
900	43/51 S	45/55 S	44/53 S	40/49 S	39/49 S	36/46 SW	35/45 SW	31/41 SW	24/31 SW
600	25/34 S	28/38 S	29/39 S	27/37 S	27/37 SW	24/34 SW	24/34 SW	22/32 SW	17/24 SW
300	6/28 S	8/35 S	11/37 S	10/34 S	11/34 SW	10/32 SW	10/31 SW	9/28 SW	6/20 SW
Glen	11/28 S	15/33 S	15/33 S	15/32 S	13/28 S	13/28 S	11/25 SW	9/20 SW	7/18 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	7/0	8/2	9/4	10/4	10/5	10/5	10/5	8/3	8/3
900	7/1	9/3	10/4	10/5	11/6	11/6	10/6	9/4	9/4
600	9/5	11/7	12/7	12/8	13/8	13/9	12/8	11/8	11/8
300	11/10	13/12	13/12	14/12	14/12	14/13	14/12	13/12	12/12
Glen	13/11	15/12	15/13	15/13	16/14	16/14	15/14	15/14	14/13
Freezing Level*	3200m	3200m	3100m	2800m	2900m	3000m	2800m	2600m	2400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Summit gales will lead to drenching conditions in any rain as well as notable wind chill.

Forecast for Friday 08 Oct 2021
Weather: Low confidence for detail. Most of the area will have a dry day, some patchy drizzle possible along the west coast, and rather more widespread rain may return northwards from late afternoon onwards.

Maximum wind: Southerly 20 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Good visibility in the morning with most ranges seeing only small amounts of low cloud in the morning, although Skye and southern Lochaber will cloud over by midday with cloud down to 600 metres. Thereafter areas of low cloud spreading north in the afternoon although remaining patchy in the northeast of the region.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 13 rising to 17 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 12 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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